

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for at least one player to play a card game ~~with a deck of cards, and for the at least one player optionally to participate in auxiliary play for a bonus prize, the method comprising:~~

~~receiving a card game ante from each of the at least one player, the card game ante indicating participation in the card game, wherein the card game comprises a Poker game and an auxiliary play, the Poker game played according to the standard rules of Poker and having at least five cards per hand, wherein a card game payout corresponding to each hand is determined regardless of a dealer hand;~~

~~receiving a selection an auxiliary play ante from each of the at least one player, the selection auxiliary play ante indicating whether to participate participation in the auxiliary play, wherein the auxiliary play is based on the hand of the respective player in the Poker game, wherein the auxiliary play comprises a bonus prize corresponding to each hand having four royal cards out of the at least five cards, wherein the four royal cards comprise any four of an ace, a king, a queen, a jack, and a ten, and wherein the four royal cards comprise cards of the same suit;~~

~~dealing at least one card from [[the]] at least one deck of cards to each remaining one each of the at least one player in each of a plurality of rounds in accordance with the card game until the at least one player receives the at least five cards;~~

~~receiving a selection from each remaining one of the at least one player whether to wager in at least a first one of the plurality of rounds;~~

~~for each of the at least one player selecting to wager in the first one of the plurality of rounds, taking a first wager;~~

~~for each of the at least one player selecting not to wager in the first one of the plurality of rounds;~~

taking the card game ante;
taking the auxiliary play ante; and
removing the respective player from the card game and the auxiliary game;

receiving a selection from each remaining one of the at least one player whether to wager in at least a second one of the plurality of rounds, wherein the second one of the plurality of rounds comes after the first one of the plurality of rounds;

for each of the at least one player selecting to wager in the second one of the plurality of rounds, taking a second wager;

for each of the at least one player, selecting not to wager in the second one of the plurality of rounds;

taking the card game ante;
taking the auxiliary play ante;
taking the first wager; and
removing the respective player from the card game and the auxiliary game;

determining whether each of the at least one player remaining in the card game through the plurality of rounds, receiving the at least five cards, and participating in the auxiliary play was dealt the four royal cards out of the at least five cards of the same suit; and

[[if]] for each one of the at least one player remaining in the card game through the plurality of rounds, receiving the at least five cards, and participating in the auxiliary play was dealt having the four royal cards out of the at least five cards, of the same suit, awarding [[a]] the bonus prize, to the one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play dealt four royal cards of the same suit, regardless of the dealer hand;

further comprising:

receiving a selection from each of the at least one player whether to wager in a first round;

~~taking a first ante from each of the at least one player selecting not to wager in the first round;~~

~~taking a second ante from each of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play and selecting not to wager in the first round, and~~

~~for each of the at least one player that folds, taking the at least one player out of the game.~~

2. – 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein dealing ~~at least one card from the deck of cards to each of the at least one player in accordance with the card game further~~ comprises:

dealing two cards down and one card up to each of the at least one player in the first one of the plurality of rounds.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 12, wherein dealing ~~at least one card from the deck of cards to each of the at least one player in accordance with the card game further~~ comprises:

dealing one card up to each of the at least one player remaining in the card game in the second one of the plurality of rounds.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 13, wherein dealing ~~at least one card from the deck of cards to each of the at least one player in accordance with the card game further~~ comprises:

dealing one card, either up or down, to each of the at least one player remaining in the card game in a third one of the plurality of rounds, wherein the third one follows the second one of the plurality of rounds.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A system for at least one player to play a card game with representations of cards, ~~each representation of a card corresponding to a card in a standard deck of cards, and for each of the at least one player optionally to participate in auxiliary play for a bonus prize, the system comprising:~~

at least one input device for the at least one player to input data for ~~play of~~ playing the card game;

a processor coupled to the at least one input device for receiving input data from the at least one input device; and

at least one display device coupled to the processor for displaying display information;

~~wherein the processor receives a selection from each of the at least one player, the selection indicating whether to participate in the auxiliary play; is operable to:~~

~~wherein the processor assigns at least one representation of a card to each of the at least one player in accordance with the card game;~~

~~wherein the processor determines whether each of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was assigned the representations of cards corresponding to four royal cards of the same suit;~~

~~wherein, if one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was assigned the representations of cards corresponding to the four royal cards of the same suit, the processor awards a bonus prize to the one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play assigned the representations of cards corresponding to the four royal cards of the same suit regardless of a qualifying hand;~~

~~wherein the processor outputs information to the at least one display device, and~~

~~wherein the card game is played in accordance with the standard rules of poker using hands of five cards.~~

receive a card game ante from each of the at least one player, the card game ante indicating participation in the card game, wherein the card game comprises a Poker game and an

auxiliary game, the Poker game played according to the standard rules of Poker and having at least five cards per hand, wherein a card game payout corresponding to each hand is determined regardless of a dealer hand;

receive an auxiliary game ante from each of the at least one player, the auxiliary game ante indicating participation in the auxiliary game, wherein the auxiliary game is based on the hand of the respective player in the Poker game, wherein the auxiliary game comprises a bonus prize corresponding to each hand having four royal cards out of the at least five cards, wherein the four royal cards comprise any four of an ace, a king, a queen, a jack, and a ten, and wherein the four royal cards comprise cards of the same suit;

deal at least one card from at least one deck of cards to each remaining one of the at least one player in each of a plurality of rounds in accordance with the Poker game until the at least one player receives the at least five cards;

receive a selection from each remaining one of the at least one player whether to wager in at least a first one of the plurality of rounds;

for each of the at least one player selecting to wager in the first one of the plurality of rounds, take a first wager;

for each of the at least one player selecting not to wager in the first one of the plurality of rounds:

take the card game ante;

take the auxiliary game ante; and

take the respective player out of the card game and the auxiliary game;

receive a selection from each remaining one of the at least one player whether to wager in at least a second one of the plurality of rounds, wherein the second one of the plurality of rounds comes after the first one of the plurality of rounds;

for each of the at least one player selecting to wager in the second one of the plurality of rounds, take a second wager;

for each of the at least one player, selecting not to wager in the second one of the plurality of rounds:

take the card game ante;

take the auxiliary game ante;

take the first wager; and

remove the respective player from the card game and the auxiliary game;

determine whether each of the at least one player remaining in the card game through the plurality of rounds, receiving the at least five cards, and participating in the auxiliary game was dealt the four royal cards out of the at least five cards; and

award the bonus prize for each one of the at least one player remaining in the card game through the plurality of rounds, receiving the at least five cards, and participating in the auxiliary game having the four royal cards out of the at least five cards.

17. (Original) The system of Claim 16, further comprising a terminal.

18. (Original) The system of Claim 16, further comprising at least one terminal on a network.

19. (Original) The system of Claim 18, further comprising a server on the network.

20. (Original) The system of Claim 19, wherein the at least one terminal and the server are coupled via a coupling.

21. (Original) The system of Claim 20, wherein the coupling comprises one from the group consisting of a wired connection, a wireless connection, and a fiberoptic connection.

22. (Original) The system of Claim 18, wherein the at least one terminal comprises one selected from a group consisting of a personal computer, a minicomputer, a microcomputer, a main frame computer, a telephone device, and a personal digital assistant.

23. (Original) The system of Claim 19, wherein the server comprises one selected from a group consisting of a personal computer, a minicomputer, a microcomputer, and a main frame computer.

24. (Original) The system of Claim 18, wherein the network is the Internet.

25. (Original) The system of Claim 18, wherein the network is an intranet.

26. (Currently Amended) A device for at least one player to play a card game with representations of cards, ~~each representation of a card corresponding to a card in a standard deck of cards, and for the at least one player optionally to participate in auxiliary play for a bonus prize, the device comprising:~~

an input device for the at least one player to input data for ~~play of~~ playing the card game;

a payment input for the at least one player to input payment;

a processor coupled to the input device for receiving the input data from the input device; and

a display device coupled to the processor for displaying display information;

~~wherein the processor receives a selection from each of the at least one player, the selection indicating whether to participate in the auxiliary play;~~

~~wherein the payment input receives payment from each of the at least one player is operable to receive a card game ante from each of the at least one player, the card game ante indicating participation in the card game, wherein the card game comprises a Poker game and an auxiliary game, the Poker game played according to the standard rules of Poker and having at least five cards per hand, wherein a card game payout corresponding to each hand is determined regardless of a dealer hand;~~

~~wherein the payment input is operable to receive an auxiliary game ante from each of the at least one player, the auxiliary game ante indicating participation in the auxiliary game,~~

wherein the auxiliary game is based on the hand of the respective player in the Poker game,
wherein the auxiliary game comprises a bonus prize corresponding to each hand having four
royal cards out of the at least five cards, wherein the four royal cards comprise any four of an
ace, a king, a queen, a jack, and a ten, and wherein the four royal cards comprise cards of the
same suit;

wherein the processor assigns at least one representation of a card to each of the at least
one player in accordance with the card game; is operable to:

deal at least one card from at least one deck of cards to each remaining one of the at least
one player in each of a plurality of rounds in accordance with the card game until the at least one
player receives the at least five cards;

receive a selection from each remaining one of the at least one player whether to wager in
at least a first one of the plurality of rounds;

for each of the at least one player selecting to wager in the first one of the
plurality of rounds, take a first wager;

for each of the at least one player selecting not to wager in the first one of the
plurality of rounds:

take the card game ante;

take the auxiliary game ante; and

take the respective player out of the card game and the auxiliary game;

receive a selection from each remaining one of the at least one player whether to wager in
at least a second one of the plurality of rounds, wherein the second one of the plurality of rounds
comes after the first one of the plurality of rounds;

for each of the at least one player selecting to wager in the second one of the
plurality of rounds, take a second wager;

for each of the at least one player, selecting not to wager in the second one of the
plurality of rounds:

take the card game ante;

take the auxiliary game ante;

take the first wager; and

take the respective player out of the card game and the auxiliary game;

determine whether each of the at least one player remaining in the card game through the plurality of rounds, receiving the at least five cards, and participating in the auxiliary game was dealt the four royal cards out of the at least five cards; and

award the bonus prize for each one of the at least one player remaining in the card game through the plurality of rounds, receiving the at least five cards, and participating in the auxiliary game having the four royal cards out of the at least five cards.

wherein the processor determines whether each of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was assigned the representations of cards corresponding to four royal cards of the same suit;

wherein, if one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was assigned the representations of cards corresponding to the four royal cards of the same suit, the processor awards a bonus prize to the one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play assigned the representations of cards corresponding to the four royal cards of the same suit regardless of a qualifying hand;

wherein the processor outputs information to the display device, and

wherein the card game is played in accordance with the standard rules of poker using hands of five cards.

27. (Original) The device of Claim 26, wherein the device comprises a slot machine.

28. (Withdrawn) A gaming table for at least one player to play a card game with a deck of cards, and for the at least one player optionally to participate in auxiliary play, the gaming table comprising:

a table surface;

a dealer location indicated on the table surface; and

at least one player location indicated on the table surface, each of the at least one player location comprising

an indicated ante location, and

an indicated auxiliary ante location;

wherein a selection is received from at least one player, the selection indicating whether to participate in the auxiliary play;

wherein at least one card is dealt from the deck of cards to each of the at least one player in accordance with the card game;

wherein a determination is made as to whether each of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was dealt four royal cards of the same suit; and

wherein, if one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play was dealt four royal cards of the same suit, a bonus prize is awarded to the one of the at least one player participating in the auxiliary play dealt four royal cards of the same suit.

29. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining the card game payout based on a predetermined payout table for each of the at least one player remaining in the card game through the plurality of rounds, and receiving the at least five cards; and

awarding the respective card game payout for each one of the at least one player remaining in the card game through the plurality of rounds, and receiving the at least five cards.

30. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining the card game payout for each of the at least one player remaining in the card game through the plurality of rounds, and receiving the at least five cards, the card game payout based on a comparison of each respective hand of each of the at least one player remaining in the card game; and

awarding the respective card game payout for each one of the at least one player remaining in the card game through the plurality of rounds, and receiving the at least five cards.

31. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein dealing comprises dealing a representation of a card.

32. (New) A method of playing a card game, comprising:

dealing to at least one player a hand of at least five cards from at least one deck of playing cards;

establishing a card game including each respective hand, wherein the card game comprises a Poker game portion and an auxiliary game portion, wherein the Poker game portion is playable in conjunction with the standard rules for Poker and comprises a Poker game payout, wherein the auxiliary game portion comprises a bonus prize, wherein both the Poker game payout and the bonus prize are based on the at least five cards in each respective hand, wherein the bonus prize corresponds to each respective hand having four royal cards out of the at least five cards, wherein the four royal cards comprise any four of an ace, a king, a queen, a jack, and a ten, and wherein the four royal cards comprise four cards of the same suit;

for the Poker game portion of the card game, determining the Poker game payout for each hand based on the at least five cards in the respective hand; and

for the auxiliary game portion of the card game, determining the bonus prize for each hand based on any four of the at least five cards in the respective hand comprising the four royal cards.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein dealing comprises dealing a representation of a card.

34. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein dealing from at least one deck of playing cards comprises dealing from each deck of playing cards comprising values of ace, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, jack, queen and king in each of four different suites.

35. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein dealing from at least one deck of playing cards comprises dealing from each deck of playing cards comprising values of ace, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, jack, queen and king in each of four different suites, and further comprising at least one joker.

36. (New) The method of claim 32, further comprising receiving a card game ante from each player, the card game ante comprising an indication of participation in the Poker game portion, and wherein determining the Poker game payout for each hand is further based on receiving the card game ante.

37. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein determining the bonus prize for each hand is further based on receiving the card game ante.

38. (New) The method of claim 32, further comprising receiving a card game ante from each player, the card game ante comprising an indication of participation in both the Poker game portion and the auxiliary game portion, and wherein determining the bonus prize for each hand is further based on receiving the card game ante.

39. (New) The method of claim 32, further comprising receiving a Poker game portion ante, at least one Poker game portion wager, and an auxiliary game portion ante from each of the at least one player, wherein the Poker game portion ante comprises an indication of participation in the Poker game portion, wherein the auxiliary game portion ante comprises an indication of participation in the auxiliary game portion, wherein determining the Poker game payout for each hand is further based on receiving the Poker game portion ante and the at least one Poker game portion wager, and wherein determining the bonus prize for each hand is further based on receiving the auxiliary game portion ante.

40. (New) The method of claim 32, further comprising:

receiving a card game ante from each player, the card game ante comprising an indication of participation in at least one of the Poker game portion and the auxiliary game portion;

wherein dealing further comprises dealing at least one card to each remaining player in each of a plurality of rounds in accordance with the Poker game portion until the at least one player receives the at least five cards;

receiving a selection from each player whether to wager in at least a first one of the plurality of rounds;

for each player selecting to wager in the first one of the plurality of rounds, taking a first Poker game portion wager;

for each player selecting not to wager in the first one of the plurality of rounds:

taking the card game ante; and

taking the respective player out of the Poker game portion and the auxiliary game portion.

41. (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

receiving a selection from each player remaining after the first one of the plurality of rounds whether to wager in at least a second one of the plurality of rounds;

for each player selecting to wager in the second one of the plurality of rounds, taking a second Poker game portion wager;

for each player selecting not to wager in the second one of the plurality of rounds:

taking the card game ante;

taking the first Poker game portion wager; and

taking the respective player out of the Poker game portion and the auxiliary game portion.

42. (New) The method of claim 41, further comprising:

receiving a selection from each player remaining after a second to last one of the plurality of rounds whether to wager in a last one of the plurality of rounds;

for each player selecting to wager in the last one of the plurality of rounds, taking a last Poker game portion wager;

for each player selecting not to wager in the last one of the plurality of rounds, taking at least one of the following actions:

receiving an indication corresponding to a pass, and then determining the Poker game payout and the bonus prize;

receiving an indication corresponding to a trade-in of a number of cards, dealing a number of new cards corresponding to the number of trade-in cards, and then determining the Poker game payout and the bonus prize, or receiving an indication corresponding to a fold and taking the card game ante, all of the respective Poker game portion wagers and taking the respective player out of the Poker game portion and the auxiliary game portion; and

receiving an indication corresponding to a fold, taking the card game ante, all of the respective Poker game portion wagers, and taking the respective player out of the Poker game portion and the auxiliary game portion.

43. (New) The method of claim 32, further comprising:

awarding the Poker game payout for each hand according to the respective Poker game payout determination; and

awarding the bonus prize for each hand according to the respective bonus prize determination.

44. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein awarding the bonus prize for each hand further comprises awarding the bonus prize based on receiving a card game ante corresponding to the respective hand.

45. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein awarding the bonus prize for each hand further comprises awarding the bonus prize based on receiving an auxiliary game portion ante corresponding to the respective hand.

46. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein awarding the Poker game payout for each hand further comprises awarding the Poker game payout according to a Poker game payout determination based on at least one of a predetermined payout table and a comparison between respective hands of respective players.

47. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein awarding the Poker game payout for each hand further comprises awarding the Poker game payout according to a Poker game payout determination regardless of a dealer hand.

48. (New) A system for playing a card game, comprising:

at least one input device for at least one player to input data for playing the card game comprising representations of cards;

a processor coupled to the at least one input device for receiving input data from the at least one input device; and

at least one display device coupled to the processor for displaying display information;

wherein the processor is operable to:

deal to each player a hand of at least five cards from at least one deck of playing cards;

establish the card game with respect to each respective hand, wherein the card game comprises a Poker game portion and an auxiliary game portion, wherein the Poker game portion is playable in conjunction with the standard rules for Poker and comprises a Poker game payout, wherein the auxiliary game portion comprises a bonus prize, wherein both the Poker game payout and the bonus prize are based on the at least five cards in each respective hand, wherein the bonus prize corresponds to each respective hand having four royal cards out of the at

least five cards, wherein the four royal cards comprise any four of an ace, a king, a queen, a jack, and a ten, and wherein the four royal cards comprise four cards of the same suit;

for the Poker game portion of the card game, determine the Poker game payout for each hand based on the at least five cards in the respective hand; and

for the auxiliary game portion of the card game, determine the bonus prize for each hand based on any four of the at least five cards in the respective hand comprising the four royal cards.

49. (New) The system of claim 48, further comprising at least one terminal on a network, and at least one server on the network.

50. (New) A device for playing a card game, comprising:

at least one input device for at least one player to input data for playing the card game comprising representations of cards;

a payment mechanism operable to receive a payment from the at least one player;

a processor coupled to the at least one input device for receiving input data from the at least one input device; and

at least one display device coupled to the processor for displaying display information;

wherein the processor is operable to:

deal to each player a hand of at least five cards from at least one deck of playing cards;

establish the card game with respect to each respective hand, wherein the card game comprises a Poker game portion and an auxiliary game portion, wherein the Poker game portion is playable in conjunction with the standard rules for Poker and comprises a Poker game payout, wherein the auxiliary game portion comprises a bonus prize, wherein both the Poker game payout and the bonus prize are based on the at least five cards in each respective hand, wherein the bonus prize corresponds to each respective hand having four royal cards out of the at

least five cards, wherein the four royal cards comprise any four of an ace, a king, a queen, a jack, and a ten, and wherein the four royal cards comprise four cards of the same suit;

for the Poker game portion of the card game, determine the Poker game payout for each hand based on the at least five cards in the respective hand; and

for the auxiliary game portion of the card game, determine the bonus prize for each hand based on any four of the at least five cards in the respective hand comprising the four royal cards.

51. (New) The device of claim 50, wherein the device comprises a slot machine.